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will take care of that, that's what I pushed my light on for, Don.

SENATOR PREISTER: I will do that and I appreciate that Senator Janssen. You do have the Lon D. Wright generator station in your district in Fremont, is that correct, Senator?

SENATOR JANSSEN: That's correct.

SENATOR PREISTER: And I believe that from these statistics, if they're accurate from Department of Environmental Quality, that they generated 2,109 tons of total emissions in that year. And they will then be reduced to 400 tons per year that they will have to pay in emissions fees.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Um-hum.

SENATOR PREISTER: So they're being reduced in the amount that they will pay for their emissions. And my question to you also, Senator, is what are their intentions to reduce emissions as they're receiving these benefits in the future?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, Senator Preister, I believe they run a pretty clean operation in Fremont. They've had this for quite a few years. They had a power plant downtown at one time, and in the last 40 years, have moved that out to the east part of the They generate a lot of electricity, and have the selling some capability of electricity also. But right...they're continuing to burn the low sulfur coal, even though it has a lower BTU power per ton. But it also...it decreases the sulfur dioxide emissions. So by burning the lower producing coal, they don't get as much BTUs out of it, but it is less...it's less pollutive to the atmosphere. They're currently upgrading the power plant's controls at a cost of \$7.4 million. One of the benefits is that they'll be able to monitor the controls in the air and fuel mix in their boilers, which results in a more efficient burn and less emissions. I mean they are spending a lot of money trying to work to control this. will continue to keep abreast on all the emission control technology being developed and they will evaluate the feasibility for their utilities. You asked about